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## AYH Hqs. Leaves Town. First Hostel To Remain

Mr. John D. Rockefeller III, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of American Youth Hostels, Inc., announced today that the National Headquarters of the organization, which have been located at Northfield, Massachusetts, since the inauguration of the hostelling program by Isabel and Monroe Smith in America in 1935, will be consolidated with the National Executive office, located at 6 East 39th street, New York City.

The program of the first American Youth Hostel at Northfield will be continued. The hostel is known as the Richard Schirman International Youth Hostel, named in honor of the founder of hostelling. The consolidation of offices, effective within 90 days, was approved by the Board of Directors as an economy measure and as an essential step in the present intensive efforts to develop and expand the national hostelling program.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7, Fortnightly meeting, Alexander Hall, 3 p. m.  
January 8, VFW radio program, WHAI 4:45 p. m. Uno Hantunen, speaker.  
January 9, Sunday Evening Club meets, Church vestry.  
VFW Work meeting, Old School house, 1 p. m.  
January 10, P-T. A. meeting, Alexander hall, 8 p. m. Harold McClean, speaker. State Line Fellowship meets.  
January 13, Afternoon Alliance meeting, 2:30 p. m. in the Alliance rooms.  
Evening Alliance meets 8 p. m. Church vestry, The Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, speaker.  
January 14, Unitarian Men's meeting and supper, 6:30 in vestry.  
January 17, Friendly Class meeting.  
January 18, Brotherhood meeting.  
January 19, VFW and WSO joint meeting, West Northfield home, 8 p. m.

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### NOTICE!

To the Citizens of Northfield

Persons having articles for insertion in the warrant for the annual town meeting are asked to note that such articles must be in the hands of the selectmen not later than Jan. 14 at 5 p. m. at which time the warrant will be closed.

ERNEST A. PARKER  
GEORGE H. SHELDON  
GEORGE W. CARR,  
Selectmen

## Seek Sub. Clerk East Northfield P. O.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for probational (substitute) appointment as clerk-carrier at the East Northfield, Mass. post office, open to all patrons of this post office or to persons who reside within the delivery of this post office. The rate of pay is \$1.29 per hour for substitutes. Increases are given according to length of service. Appointment to vacancies in the regular force are made according to seniority. All persons who are interested in a career in the Post Office Department should obtain the necessary announcement and application form from the local secretary of the board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at that post office and report directly to the civil service examiners at the place of examination at 8:30 a. m., Jan. 15, 1949 at Center School, Northfield, Mass.

### P-T. A. News

The Northfield P-T. A. will hold a regular meeting, Monday, Jan. 10, at 8 p. m., in Alexander Hall.  
Due to the resignation of the secretary, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, the nominating committee will bring in a candidate to complete the year. Members are urged to contact possible candidates for nominations to be made from the floor.  
The by-laws committee will present the remainder of the revisions postponed from the last meeting.  
Following the business meeting the program committee will present: Mrs. Robert P. Barnes who will play several piano selections; and Harold McClean whose talk will be "Thinking out loud" about the school building problem.

## George W. Carr Heads Paralysis Fund Drive

Among the six trustees recently appointed to the Franklin County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was George W. Carr of this town.  
Mr. Carr will head the drive in this town for funds.  
The drive will get under way in all county towns with the exception of Greenfield on Jan. 14 and will continue until Jan. 30. Treasurer J. B. Kennedy announced.  
Trustees, officers and town and county chairmen will meet Jan. 10 at 6:30 p. m. in the Mansion house for final organization in preparation for the drive, Kennedy announced.

## Abbey, Barber Enter Race for Town Offices

Monday, January 3, was the closing date for the filing of independent nomination papers at the town clerk's office.

Two sets of papers were filed one for Louis M. Abbey who entered the contest for a three year term on the school committee, and the other was Luman A. Barber who seeks a three year term on the Board of Selectmen. Barber, at the present time is a member of the board of trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Running as Republican caucus candidate for the expiring term of Sidney Given is Charles Scanlon while Robert Barnes is the caucus candidate for the selectmen's seat being vacated by George H. Sheldon.

## VFW & WSO to Hold Joint Meeting Jan. 19

The Northfield Post 9874, VFW, will hold a joint meeting with the Women's Service Organization at their new home in the old schoolhouse in West Northfield, on Jan. 19, Wednesday, at 8 p. m.

In extending the invitation to the WSO to join them in the meeting, the Northfield Post also extended a cordial welcome to all prospective members of the WSO to attend at this time.

Eligible members include mothers, wives, sisters, widows and daughters of overseas veterans.

Refreshments will be prepared and served by members of the Northfield Post 9874. A committee has been appointed consisting of Mott P. Guise, Mark Wright, William Tibbitts and Lloyd Clark.

## "Painting For Fun" Classes Exhibit Work

The Community Y in Greenfield recently featured a lecture by John Edward Phelps on American artists and their contribution to the world of art. This lecture was a part of the "painting for fun" classes being conducted by Mr. Phelps.

An exhibit of paintings by 18 adult students is being shown at Washburn house, with the final day of the exhibit being Saturday, Jan. 8.

"The painting for fun" classes will be resumed Jan. 12, afternoons and evenings. These classes are, according to Phelps, "strictly for the beginner who desires to develop latent talents."

## Golden Wedding Day For Mr. & Mrs. Colton

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton will observe their 50th wedding anniversary, Monday, Jan. 10. They will be glad to welcome their friends and neighbors Sunday, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Colton were married Jan. 10, 1899, in the Trinitarian Congregational Church here. Mr. Colton was born in the house where they now live. The place was purchased by his grandfather in 1812. Mrs. Colton was born in Uncasville, Conn. Prior to entering the insurance business 45 years ago Mr. Colton was a carpenter and slater. He now conducts the Colton Insurance agency here. Mrs. Colton attended the Northfield seminary, now the School for Girls.

There are three daughters, Dr. Florence Colton, an osteopath in Oklahoma; Mrs. Evangeline Cook, wife of David Cook of this town; and Mrs. Priscilla Carroll of Keene, N. H.

## Local Men Drawn For Jury Service

Drawn to serve as a grand juror for the coming year in court session is the name of Louis A. Webster of Parker avenue. Also chosen is Emmett W. Van Valkenburg, a resident of Gill but doing business in this town. Edward Guinee of Bernardston who is to become a resident here was also chosen. Among the traverse jurors selected are George McEwan of the Northfield Schools and Harry McCullough of Millers Falls, representatives of the Western Mass. Electric Co. in Northfield.

## VFW Radio Series To Be Aired Jan. 8, 4:45

The Northfield Post 9874 V. F. W. will resume its weekly series of broadcasts, "Speak Up for Democracy," over Station WHAI, Greenfield, at 4:45 p. m., Saturday, January 8, 1949.

Uno Hantunen will be the speaker on the January 8th broadcast.

## VFW to Hold Work Party at Home, Jan. 9

Prior to occupying their new quarters in the old school house in West Northfield the Northfield Post 9874, VFW, will hold a work party on Sunday, January 9, at 1 p. m.

A great deal of work will be necessary to get the unoccupied building into shape for the next regular meeting of the Post on Jan. 19.

All members of the Post are urged to be present at that time prepared for work and equipped with tools necessary to replace broken windows, etc.

A system of auxiliary lighting is being installed to meet state fire law requirements.

## Legion Post Cited For Community Service

The Haven H. Spencer Post 179, American Legion, was recently cited by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion "for worthwhile and outstanding service to its community during the period specified in the Annual Americanism and Post Activity Report."

The citation signed by the Past National Commander was forwarded to the local post by the Mass. Department Commander Philip G. Cashman.

### Alliance Meeting

The Unitarian Evening Alliance will meet at the church, Thursday, Jan. 13. The Rev. Richard G. Sechrist will speak on "Birds-eye view of India."

Hostesses will be Miss Bernice M. Webster and Mrs. Unto Hantunen.

## Dr. Pope At Sage For Sunday Service

Guest preacher at the Northfield School for Girls Sunday, Jan. 9, will be Dr. Liston Pope of the Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and at Mount Hermon School Rev. Albert B. Buchanan, chaplain of this school, will conduct the service in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

## CONN. RIVER HIGHEST SINCE 1938 TOWN LOWLANDS FLOODED. NO DAMAGE

With flood waters along the Connecticut River rising to their highest levels since the 1938 flood Northfield escaped with only the lower meadow lands, and river

bank areas, being under water. No serious property damage was reported from Northfield, with all roads in and out of Northfield being open throughout the period of high water, Dec. 31. The river rose to within a few feet of the Bennett meadows road, which would have closed Route 10. The high water also boiled over the low lands around Schell Bridge, with highest point being but a foot or two from the road bed on the west side of the bridge.

The local disaster committee of the American Red Cross, with the exception of frequent reports, to county headquarters had no calls for assistance.

The three days of heavy rains during Dec. 29-31 brought the December rainfall total to 3.66 inches, 2.88 of the total fell during the three day period.

Travel was interrupted in various areas for varying periods by the rising rivers.

Records were shattered by the recorded temperatures for Dec. 31, with a high of 66 being noted, with unseasonably warm weather prevailing throughout the period of the rains.



Town Clerk Josephine Haskell has announced that the board of Registrars will have two sittings before the town meeting in February.

The first will be on January 8, from 7 to 9 at the town hall.

The second will be the final one before the town meeting and will be on January 18, at the town hall from 12 noon until 8 p. m.

## Goodbye 1948 Hello 1949

With poor weather and hazardous driving conditions prevailing in this area the creaking old year passed into oblivion.  
No motor vehicle accidents were reported in Northfield during the New Year holiday period.

## Vacation is Over Students in Session

Students at the Northfield School for Girls returned to the campus after the Christmas vacation Wednesday, Jan. 5, and classes at Mount Hermon were resumed that same day.

## Letters From France On Display at School

Mrs. Evelyn Parker, fifth grade teacher at Center School, is preparing a class room exhibit of the letters and Christmas cards received from Camiers, France by members of her class.

The children of Mrs. Parker's class were the first ones to begin a correspondence, as a group, with the children of the French village.

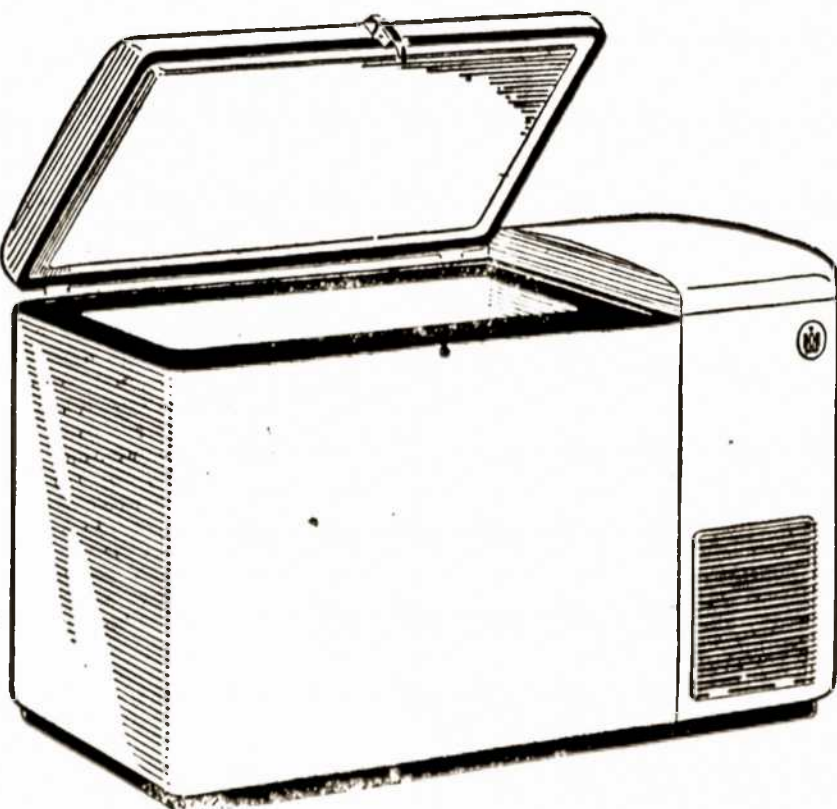
The exhibit will be on display for the entire week, beginning Monday, January 10, and parents and friends are invited to visit the Center School and inspect the letters and novel Christmas cards. Unto Hantunen, publisher of the PRESS, will speak to the children of the class Monday morning.

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### "East is East . . ."

"East is East, West is West, and never the twain shall meet!"

An apt title, if we do say so ourselves, for the current state-wide word jamboree over whether we should have a "home" or hospital in Holyoke.

The East apparently wants a "home".

The West wants a hospital!

All figures and statistics point out the very great need for a hospital — not a home.

Figures available for Hampden county show that in 1948 only 20 applications were made for domiciliary care, while on the other hand 600 applications were received for hospitalization.

The figures for Franklin county will probably show comparable, if not lower, figures.

Competent authorities have consistently pointed out that a hospital can be converted into a "domiciliary home" without great expense or reconstruction, BUT the changing of a home into a hospital would involve greater sums of money, reconstruction, etc.

In all probability it would never happen, if a home is built, a home it will remain.

It should be perfectly obvious that the greater majority of veterans, World War II at least, are not so much in need of a home as they are, and will continue to be for a number of years, for a hospital.

Football season is over boys — don't kick this idea around!!

### THE OVERSEAS



Excerpts from a letter  
China Inland Mission  
1531 Sinza Road  
Shanghai 23, China  
December, 1948

Dear Friends:  
GREETINGS from China! This Christmas season finds me a little farther away from you as far as miles are concerned but closer to you in thoughts, memories and prayers.

Originally a group of 25 of us were to sail from San Francisco on the 15th of October. The West Coast strike, however, upset our plans and we were broken up into smaller groups sailing on different ships and at different times. Sylvia Lombard, from Keene, N. H., and I were the first of the girls to sail. We left NYC on Oct. 12, on the British freighter, "S. S. City of Lucknow".

Our ship was a cargo ship and carried twelve passengers. We had very nice accommodations, good food, and pleasant traveling companions. Perhaps I should add good weather for sailing too. There were some rough days but Sylvia and I were thankful that we could claim to be good sailors, as we didn't get seasick.

Our first stop was Newport News, Va., then on down to the little Dutch Island of Curacao, just off the coast of Venezuela. The Dutch speaking island has many American influences such as juke boxes, coca-cola etc. the next stop was Cristobal, before entering the Canal. As we left the Canal we could see the lights of the city of Balboa, and a few glimpses of islands in the distance the next day were our last view of civilization for 23 days.

Ordinarily the ship would have gone to Los Angeles, but with

### THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Highland Avenue  
East Northfield, Mass.  
January 4, 1949

The Editor,

The Northfield Press  
Northfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Your recent letter, by Dr. Bennett, has left me slightly perplexed. I am sure the good doctor had a right to feel rather disappointed with the outcome of the social event, but I also believe that it could have been a much greater success if it had received more and better publicity.

There are many people in Northfield that did not know the V. F. W. was sponsoring this. This could be a most excellent reason for the poor attendance. Let me say now that I hope the V. F. W. will never face another "empty-house", and that should never happen if the people could learn of the social events that are to take place.

Dr. Bennett mentioned the fact that the children will always be welcome at the functions of the V. F. W. This in itself is very commendable. Maybe the parents of these children will show their appreciation by attending any and all of the V. F. W.'s social events in the future.

Most sincerely yours,  
Russell D. Roberts

the strike that was out of the question . . . we soon settled down to a routine schedule . . . 2 hours of Chinese study every morning . . . greatly aided by a Chinese doctor . . .

The rest of the time spent in reading, writing, knitting, deck tennis, etc. . . we were traveling the Great Circle route and we hoped we might stop at Honolulu, but we didn't, and all our plans to throw a monkey wrench into the engine as we went by never materialized . . .

We pulled into the Philippine Islands late at night and saw the war-torn Bataan and Corregidor only as outlined by moonlight . . .

four day lay over . . . Manila has been slow in recovering from war effects . . . most of them (buildings) lie in ruins . . . living conditions were very bad everywhere . . . we attended several fine Gospel services . . .

From Manila to Hong Kong the passenger list numbered only five and the waters were very rolling . . . Hong Kong was another four day stop . . . It was interesting to see the native Chinese and their way of living . . . Of course being under British control the city buildings are quite westernized, but the shops, "junks", rickshaws and general living are typically Chinese . . .

After 45 days and covering approximately 16,000 miles we were surely glad to arrive at our destination on Nov. 27 . . . we sailed into the Whang Poo River and into Shanghai . . .

Folks at the mission compound greeted us warmly. They are lovely folk, humble, sincere men and women of God. The present weather here is quite cold. It was 29 degrees one night . . . the mission home here did have a heating system until the Japanese took it out. Now they are trying to put in heat again. Food has been very expensive and scarce . . . bread alone went as high as \$2.50 (American) a lb. So with about 130 of us here you can imagine the feeding difficulty . . .

Due to the Communist situation we will not be able to have our language school at Anking as planned. Indeed during these troubled times we can but look to the Lord daily wherever we are. We are quite an international group, coming from: Switzerland, Australia, Norway, Sweden, England, Ireland, Germany, Finland, South Africa, Canada and the States . . . May this Christmas season by one of real joy and blessing for you . . .

Yours in His service,  
Ellen M. Giebel

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If the stranger had said, "Tomorrow will be the Judgment Day," I could not have been more thunderstruck than when I heard the words, "your father".

My paternal parent had been gone so long that his memory had become a myth. Therefore, my comprehension of those words was received with mixed emotions. My body seemed numb and my heart felt as though it were in a vise. Supreme happiness and resentment crowded my sanity.

It seemed an eternity before the man crossed the brook and clambered up the bank to where we stood. Gradually I began to look around. The sun was still shining, the April breeze stroked my feverish brow, the earth was still soft under my feet, but somehow everything had changed.

I looked at my friends standing with me, their hard faces expressionless, their eyes following every move of the stranger. It was then I realized that this universal truth

was not just peculiar to myself. They, too, shared my emotions.

One does not live on the frontier for weeks and months and years; sharing every thought and deed, and experience, under the most trying conditions of a howling wilderness, without reacting to every incident in the same manner. These men were my "brothers"; we lived and suffered, worked and fought; and sometimes hated one another with a fierceness seldom provoked in more civilized circumstances. We would not, could not, change our lives, or turn back now. The determination to settle Northfield, and to establish permanent homes, gripped us like an incurable disease so that any news this stranger could bring us would not change our plans.

I turned from the group to meet the cart that was lurching up the hillside, to meet my mother.

(To be Continued)

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Further information about winter in New Hampshire may be obtained from the State Planning and Development Commission at Concord or (important to metropolitan New Yorkers) from the New Hampshire Information Bureau at 10 Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



#### ANNE C. MERRIMAN

Anne C. Merriman died suddenly Wednesday morning, Jan. 5, at the home of her sister, the late Mrs. Maud Montague who passed away less than a month ago, Dec. 14, 1948. Miss Merriman was born in Northfield, January 21, 1885, attended public schools and was graduated from the Northfield Seminary (now Northfield School for Girls) in the class of 1906.

She taught school in Paxton, Mass., Central Village and Greenwich, Conn., but was retired for some time due to ill health. She spent her summers in Northfield with her sister and winters in Brooklyn, N. Y.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Mabel Merriman and a number of near relatives.

The funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 7, 1:30 p. m., from the Kidder Funeral Home and burial will take place in the Center Cemetery with the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating.

#### MRS. HELEN EGGLESTON

Mrs. Helen Eggleston, 77, wife of Burr Eggleston, died, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1949, in the Mutual Aid Home, Brattleboro, Vt., where she had been for the past three months.

She was born in Cambridge Her first husband was Howard Malone, a missionary in China where he died several years ago. She spent 15 years there before coming to the Vernon home about three years ago. Her marriage to Mr. Eggleston took place about one year ago. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Moresa Hickmon of Shanghai, China one sister, Miss Susie Walker of the Vernon Home, and two nephews, Clifford Walker of Wellesley Hills and Harvey of Needham.

The funeral was Wednesday in the Kidder Funeral Home in Northfield.



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### NEW ARRIVALS

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At Franklin County Public Hos-

pital, Jan. 2, a son to Mr. and Mrs.

Norman D. Kimball of 66 Cheap-

side, Greenfield; grandson of Mr.

and Mrs. Charles F. Tenney of

Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Kimball of 82 Birch street, Green-

field; great grandson of Mrs. A. A.

Dunklee of South Vernon, Vt. Mrs.

Julia Dennison of Barnardston and

Mrs. Gertrude Kimball of Athol



## Confetti and Rice

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beth Irene, to Edward L. Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pratt of Athol.

Miss Hammond was graduated from Northfield high school and is employed at the Northfield Hotel. Pratt was graduated from Athol high school. He served 3½ years in the army air force and took part in the African and European campaigns. He was discharged in 1946 and now is a sales engineer in the Chicago branch office for the L. S. Starrett company of Athol. The wedding will be in the summer.

BUY U. S. SECURITY BONDS

**Every home should have a fever thermometer and every mother and father should know how to use it.** After using such a thermometer it should be washed in cold water and dried with a clean towel. Hot water should never be used for this purpose as it is likely to break the glass.

**Chess, Game of Antiquity**

Chess, which is probably the most universal of all games, dates back to antiquity. Scientists have excavated pieces of terra cotta believed to have been used as chess "men" in Mesopotamia over six thousand years ago. The game requires the utmost concentration and a keen and ever alert brain. Chess now is almost the universal name of the game, but it has had many others throughout its long existence. Perhaps more books have been written on the subject of chess than deal with any other game that has been played by man. The hobby of many wealthy chess enthusiasts throughout the world has been the accumulation of volumes dealing with the subject.

**More Hair Bought by Women**

Prominent producer of tresses and switches claims that American women today are buying more hair than for many years past. Only a few years ago, mainly because of the price, women were buying practically no hair. Prices in those days ranged from \$30 to \$100 a switch. Then along came machines that made cheap mail order hair possible. Most of the hair being sold today comes from the Far East, from such places as India and China. The hair is all human, none of it coming from yaks or similar animals.

### Museum Makes Exhibition Of Rare Fossil Specimens

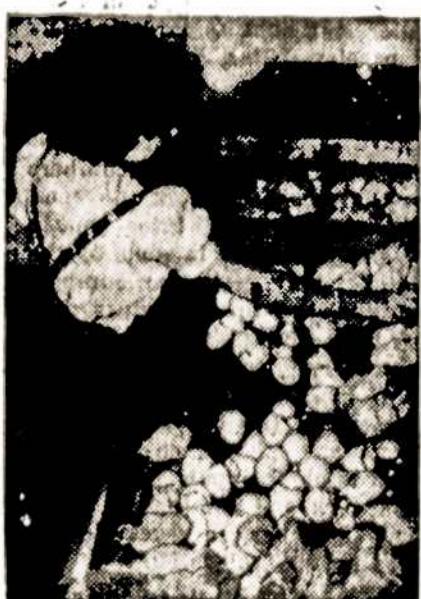
Amphibians of today—the well known frogs, toads and salamanders, and the unfamiliar caecilians—convey almost no idea of what this animal group was like in its hey-day, some 230 million years ago, notes Bryan Patterson, curator of fossil mammals at Chicago natural history museum.

Fossil specimens, one of them 6½ feet long, of some of the early relatives of today's little amphibians and a number of skeletons of some of the earliest reptiles, have just been added to the paleontological exhibits at the museum. About 16 specimens are included, some of them the giants of their times.

From the later Devonian period (320 million years ago) to well into the Pennsylvanian period (240 million years ago) the amphibians were dominant, and for most of that time, the only land vertebrates. A great number of diverse forms arose, the largest of which attained the size of crocodiles.

Ancestors of these creatures were some lobe-finned fish that came out of the water about 300 million years ago. The manner of their coming is not known but the event was momentous for it was destined to lead to the rise of the dinosaurs and their eventual replacement by mammals, to the appearance of man and the development of his civilizations, to total

### Small Turkey Talk



The young lady poses a close-up on a very young turkey—one of the streamlined variety created to meet modern demands for small birds to suit small families and to fit kitchenette ovens. Each of several of the older varieties contributed one or more of the desired characteristics to this small white variety, characterized by a compact body, short legs, long keel and plenty of breast meat. Careful records on thousands of birds from carefully selected stock were necessary before the "apartment size" turkey was developed.

### Summer Milk Slump Costs Farmer Plenty

"Summer slump" in milk production costs farmers plenty in good, hard cash. On the average farm there is about a 30 per cent drop from May until early fall.

Some of the loss in production arises because a higher percentage of cows are dry or approaching the end of their lactation period, but many dairy specialists believe that much of the loss could be prevented by better management.



### Night Hog Feeding Shows Good Results

#### Experiment May Prove Useful During Summer

What is believed to have been the first experiment in night feeding of hogs indicates that this practice may prove highly practical, at least during the summer months.

The experiment was conducted by Robert C. Turner, a Henry, Ill., farmer, who produced an average gain of 92 pounds each on a herd of 107 Duroc hogs he had on his night-feeding program for 63 days.

To encourage his pigs to eat during the cool of the night when they were reluctant to eat during the heat of the summer days, Turner erected lights in his hog lot. He had a time clock control set to switch the lights on for two night feedings, from 10 to 11:30 p. m. and from 2 to 3:30 a. m. One pole with a single 150-watt bulb and another pole with two 150-watt bulbs lighted the hog lot area, while a third pole with two 150-watt bulbs lighted the self-feeders.

Turner fed a ration of ground oats and a pelleted milk product in the self-feeders, hand fed ear corn, and provided mineral, salt and good alfalfa pasture.

His 107 pigs, farrowed in late March and early April, weighed in for the test at 7,424 pounds, or an average of 69.38 pounds each. They weighed out at 17,270 pounds, or an average of 161.4 pounds each. This

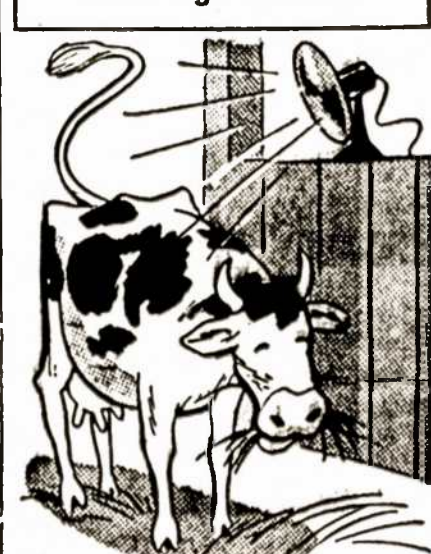


What are believed to be new records for economical and speedy pork production were established by Robert C. Turner of Henry, Ill., in his night hog-feeding experiment.

The herd consumed a total of 27,089 pounds of feed at a cost of \$1,089.91. According to these figures Turner produced his gain at the rate of 275 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of pork, or a feed cost of about \$1.70 per hundred weight.

The experiment used 148 kilowatt hours of electricity at a cost of \$7.40, or about seven cents per pig.

### Plush Age on Farm



The future living quarters for Bosile and Dobbin may still be a far cry from farmhouse comforts and big-city penthouse plush, but at least some of them will have air conditioning, in the interests of more milk and better livestock health.

A new barn humidity control system which will reduce excessive barn moisture to levels that will do away with decay, rusting and mildewing equipment, and losses due to spoiled animal feed, bacteria and insanitary conditions, has been put on the market.

The new system will automatically control fans and other devices for reducing excessive animal-produced moisture which in winter often reaches 100 per cent saturation.

### Contour-Seeded Fields Produce Larger Crops

Contour-seeded wheat fields produce larger crops than those seeded up and down the slope, according to recent expert reports.

Increases of two to three bushels an acre have been reported on contour-seeded wheat fields in many instances. Also, in addition to producing bigger yields, wheat fields seeded in this manner erode less. It takes little extra time to plow, disc and seed on the contour.

### How to Ratproof Farm Told By Engineering Head

Feed is too scarce and expensive nowadays to waste on rats. It seems the job of keeping rats away from stored feed and grain is never finished, and so R. W. Carpenter, head of the agricultural engineering department, University of Maryland, offers some suggestions. Grain and feed bins can be rat-proofed by applying metal flashing to all corners or lining bins with cement-asbestos board or metal, he says. Corn cribs can be protected with hardware cloth screening under the floors and around the sides to a height of six feet or so.

To prevent rats and mice from climbing the sides, surround the crib, at a height of about four feet, with a band of smooth metal about a foot wide. Or a narrower strip can be used if it is bent at right angles to form a ledge which the animals can't climb over.

Foundation walls of buildings with concrete floors should extend underground 18 inches to two feet to make a solid barrier. This discourages rats from burrowing underneath and prevents frost damage, too. By making the base of the footing four to six inches wider than the rest of the foundation wall, a ledge results which seems to baffle rats and prevent their burrowing under.

Carpenter says that these steps, together with the use of new rat poisons, keeping surroundings clean of waste materials, and repairing buildings will go a long way toward solving the rat problem and saving precious feed.

### Choice of Press Cloths Suggested for Home Maker

Special press cloths are good for certain fabrics. No one method of pressing will work on every fabric, and the home maker should try a small corner of the fabric to see which works best, says Julia E. Brekke, NDAC extension service clothing specialist.

Most fabrics look better if they are pressed on the wrong side, too. The choice of press cloths makes a lot of difference in the kind of job that can be done.

Miss Brekke recommends the following types of press cloths: Cheesecloth is good for fabrics that scorch easily, such as white rayons and silks. Dampen the cheesecloth slightly, lay it over the fabric, and press until dry. Heavier woollens can be pressed with cheesecloth, too.

Chiffon is good for pressing rayons and silks that water spot. Wet the chiffon thoroughly and wring out the excess water. Then hold the warm iron on the chiffon, until it begins to steam, spread the chiffon out on the fabric and press up.

Tissue paper can be used on silk and rayons. Dampen the paper very slightly with a sponge and press. This takes out deep wrinkles. On some fabrics you can press over the paper without dampening it.

### Life In Costa Rica

Visitors long have given Costa Rica a hand for its democratic institutions and moderate ways. After the overthrow of the dictatorship in 1917, most political battles were waged in the newspapers. Even bull fights in Costa Rica are relatively gentle, notes the National Geographic society. At the free-for-all amateur contests bulls are not injured or killed, and their horns are sawed off to prevent serious accidents to participants. By far the majority of Costa Rica's three quarters of a million people live in the central plateau around the capital of San Jose. In a country smaller than West Virginia, these perpetually springlike upland valleys form one of the most densely settled rural regions of the Americas. In spite of the name which means "rich coast", Costa Rica was never a source of mineral treasure.

**Religion in Estonia Today**

Ancient church of St. Nicolas in Parnu, Estonia, was destroyed by war but the church of St. Elizabeth and the two Orthodox churches have hardly suffered. Only old people risk going to church, however, the younger generations keep away for fear of persecution as the attitude of the authorities towards the church is as hostile as ever. One of the reasons why the churches are half-empty is the fact that there are hardly any clergymen left in the country and divine service is often held by vergers and elders of the congregations. The remaining clergymen are rounded up and deported. The only effect of the new ecclesiastical policy of the regime is that the pastorless churches are left open and not used for secular purposes, as was the case in 1944 and 1945, when many were requisitioned to serve as stores and depots for the army.

**Handling of Fireworks**

Because of their explosive nature, it is dangerous to leave fireworks, either packed or unpacked, in a room with an open light or to strike matches or to smoke in a room containing fireworks. It is well to remember that powder grains sometimes shake out of fireworks packages during shipment and scatter around in the packing box. Such a box, until it has been cleaned out, is similar to an open powder bag. Care should be taken to unpack fireworks only in a place where they will not be exposed to accidental ignition. A few buckets of water at hand, or a nearby garden hose, is a good precaution.



### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

Sunday, January 9, 9:55 a. m., Church School

10:00 a. m., Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m., Public Worship. Sermon subject, "Making the Most of Our Mistakes." Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Joan Williams in charge of the devotional service. Second in an annual series of meetings on "Personal Criticisms."

7:00 p. m., 20-45 Club meeting in the vestry. Supper served by the Alvin Porters and their committee. Mr. Victor Ward, "News Analyst" will speak.

Friday, January 14,

7:45 p. m., Auxiliary meeting at the home of Miss Alice Munde. Miss Elizabeth Bralley will review chapters in the study book on the Panama Canal Zone and the Virgin Islands.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone

Services every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.

Loyal Workers, 6:45 p. m.

Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.

Weekly Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p. m.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister

Sunday, January 9,

10:00 a. m., Church School, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Supt.

11:00 a. m., Service and Sermon, "The Man and His Message."

5 p. m., A.U.Y. meets in the vestry.

### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormack, Pastor

Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a. m.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen Bassett, Minister

Sunday, January 9,

10:30 a. m., Service and sermon, "The Duty of Encouragement."

11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

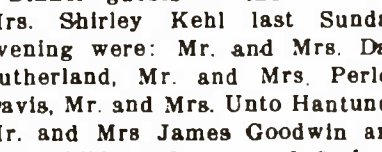
7:00 p. m., Prayer and Praise.

Tuesday, January 11,

Women's Missionary Society meeting, at the home of Mrs. Helen Bassett.

Wednesday, January 12,

Mid-week prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.



Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Shirley Kehl last Sunday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Perley Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Unto Hantunen, Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin and their children, Danny and Cathy.

The Latch String is undergoing interior repairs, with the kitchen being partitioned off from the rest of the dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Quigley have sold their home on Main street and will move their family to Conn. before Feb. 1.

J. E. Bushnell has closed the museum in the Old Red Mill in Vernon, Vt. for the season.

Do You Know Massachusetts? Compiled by the Massachusetts State Planning Board, 11 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

DO YOU KNOW THAT... By impounding more than 16 billion gallons of water during the recent flood, the flood control reservoir at Knightville saved serious damage in Westfield and part of Springfield and fully justified its cost of building... A preliminary estimate indicates that approximately 23,000 new privately financed dwelling units were started in Mass. during 1948, an increase of 26% over 1947... In addition, 2,500 new veterans' units were publicly financed.

Town manager form of government is now in operation in Cambridge, Lowell, Mansfield, Middleboro, Norwood, Saugus and Stoughton. Its adoption has been voted in Medford, Quincy, Revere and Worcester, and the plan is being studied by committees in Danvers, Hingham, Marblehead, Nahant, Reading, Stoneham, Watertown and Wellesley... The Commissioner of Taxation reports that 1,120,566 Massachusetts taxpayers were assessed for property taxes in 1948, of which 991,052 were taxed on real estate... Total value of real estate assessed in the State was \$8,179,622,906 and the taxes \$280,265,218... Compared with 1940, real estate assessed valuation increased 10% and taxes 36%... The Town of Mendon at a recent special meeting appointed a committee on zoning and building laws.

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